

**M9 ACE**

**ARMORED COMBAT  
EARTHMOVER**

**GYSGT BRUBAKER**

# M9 ACE

- ◆ TLO's
- ◆ ELO's
- ◆ Written Exam
- ◆ Performance Exam

# Deliberate Risk Management Assessment

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| D. Prepared By: (Rank, Name)<br>GySgt Brubaker   |  |                 |   |   |
| E. Task  | F. Hazards   | G. Initial Risk | H. Control Measures   |   |
| Earthmoving including construction of tank ditches, vehicle fighting positions, and breaching operations | Operator thrown from cab during operation<br><br>M9 ACE rolls over | H<br><br>H      | Wear seat belt correctly and wear helmet<br><br>Keep all personnel safe distance away while operating, dig in 1st gear only, utilize ground guide while moving on lot |   |
|  | Persons are run over by M9 ACE                                     | H               | Keep all personnel safe distance away while operating, conduct 360 degree walk around before operation  |   |
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| Breach a pre-constructed tank ditch at night utilizing night vision goggles           | Operator thrown from cab during operation<br><br>M9 ACE could roll over | H<br><br>H      | Wear seat belt correctly and wear helmet<br><br>Stockpiles will not be built over 5ft. in height; inspect equipment                    |
|   | Persons are run over by M9 ACE  | H               | No student(unless operating) are allowed on field; do not exceed 2nd gear forward or reverse; Conduct 360 walk around before operation |
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# M9 ACE



# History

- ◆ **NSN: 2350-00-808-7100**
- ◆ **ID: 09599A**
- ◆ **TAMCN: B0589**
- ◆ **Developed after WWII**

# History

- ◆ Main limitation of work capacity is vehicle weight
- ◆ Meet airdrop weight limits
- ◆ Concept of adding weight (Ballast) at job site

# History

◆ **Cost February  
1995**

- \$710,194

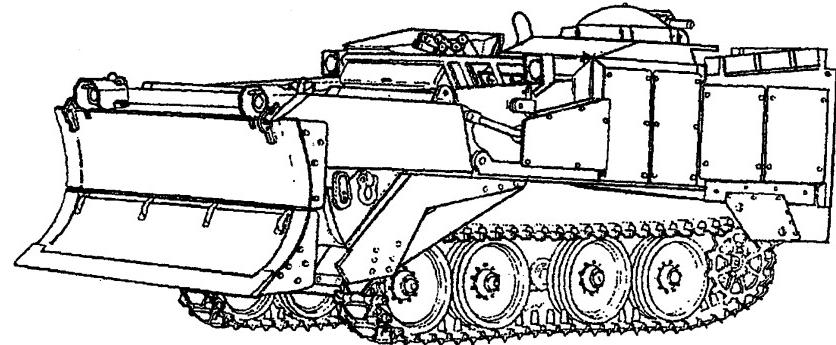
◆ **Cost June  
2002**

- \$887,050

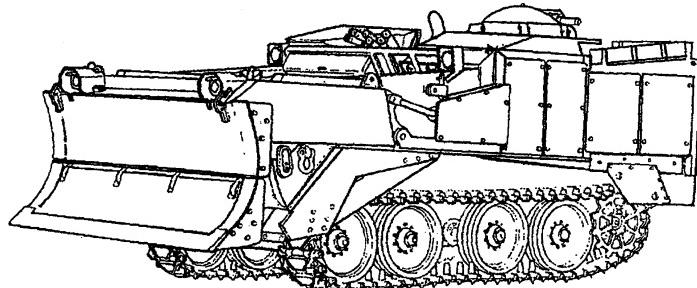


# Characteristics

- ◆ Armored
- ◆ Amphibious
- ◆ Diesel powered
- ◆ Cummins V903C
- ◆ 903 cubic inch
- ◆ 295 hp @ 2600 rpm's



# Characteristics



- ◆ Clark transmission
- ◆ Six speeds forward and two reverse
- ◆ Top speed 30 mph on land
- ◆ Unlike conventional dozers

# Characteristics

- ◆ **Main uses:**
  - **Bulldozing**
  - **Rough grading**
  - **Excavating**
  - **Hauling**
  - **Scraping**

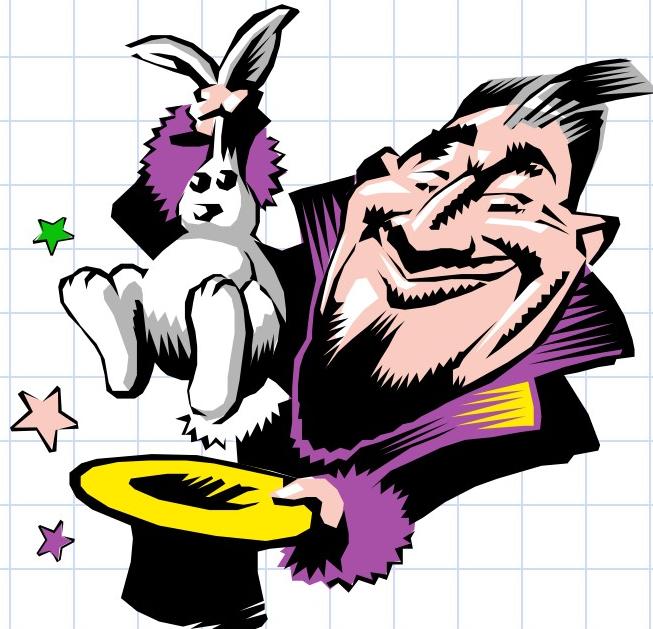
# Characteristics

- ◆ **Length 20' 5"**
- ◆ **Height 8' 9"**
- ◆ **Width 9' 2"**  
**(extensions removed)**
- ◆ **Net vehicle weight**  
**36,000 lbs.**
- ◆ **Draw bar pull of**  
**31,000 lbs.**



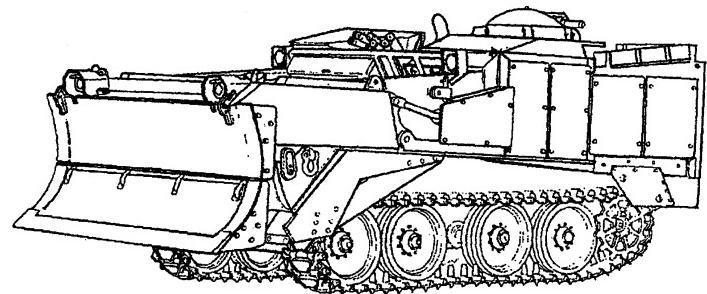
# Characteristics

- ◆ Bowl has a capacity of 8.7 cubic yards.
- ◆ Gross vehicle weight 54,000 lbs.
- ◆ Cruising range of 230 miles.
- ◆ Fording depth 36"



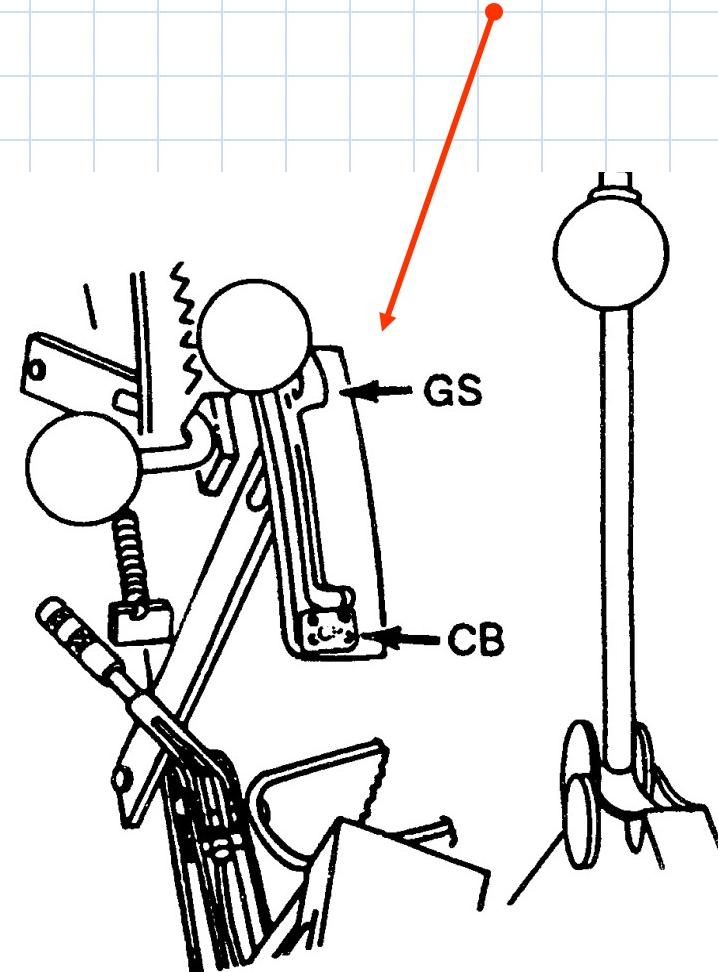
# Characteristics

- ◆ Capable of swimming calm water, 3 mph.
- ◆ Bilge pump discharges 345 gpm max.
- ◆ 11 inches of free board.



# Steering

- ◆ Gear steer (GS)
  - Generally used for traveling ( $45^\circ$  turning radius)
- ◆ Clutch brake (CB)
  - Used for earthwork and close quarter operations (pivot steering)



# Steering



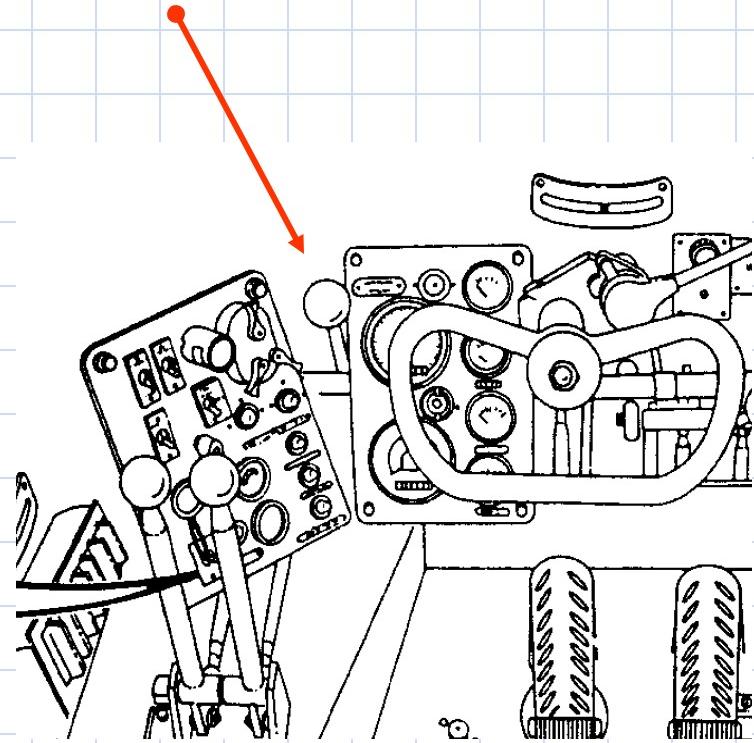
# Suspension

## ◆ Sprung

- Lever up position
- Used when traveling in conjunction with (GS)

## ◆ Unsprung

- Lever down position
- Used when earthmoving and (CB)



# Suspension

## ◆ Sprung mode

- Bump stops extend and limit movement

# Suspension



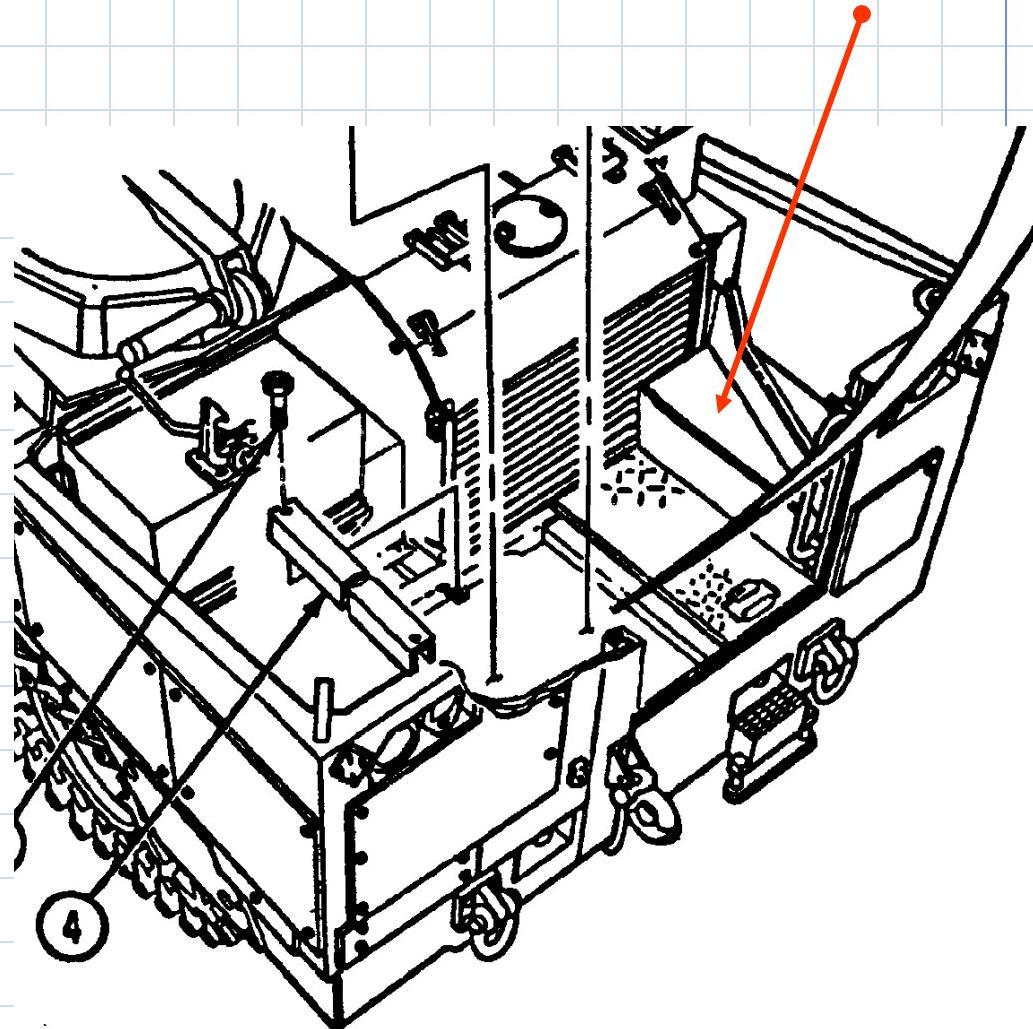
# Tilt Dozing

- ◆ Capable of tilt dozing up to 5°.
- ◆ Entire machine tilts
- ◆ Un-sprung and GS



# Electrical

- ◆ 24 volt negative ground system
- ◆ 4 batteries in rear of vehicle
- ◆ Heat deflection shield

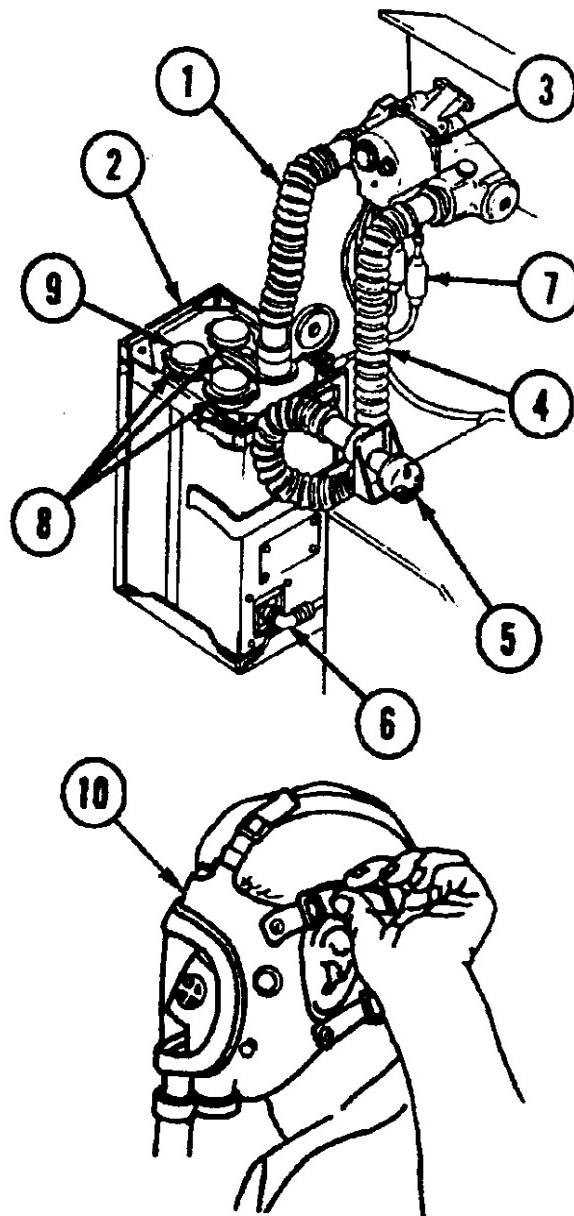


# Electrical



# NBC System

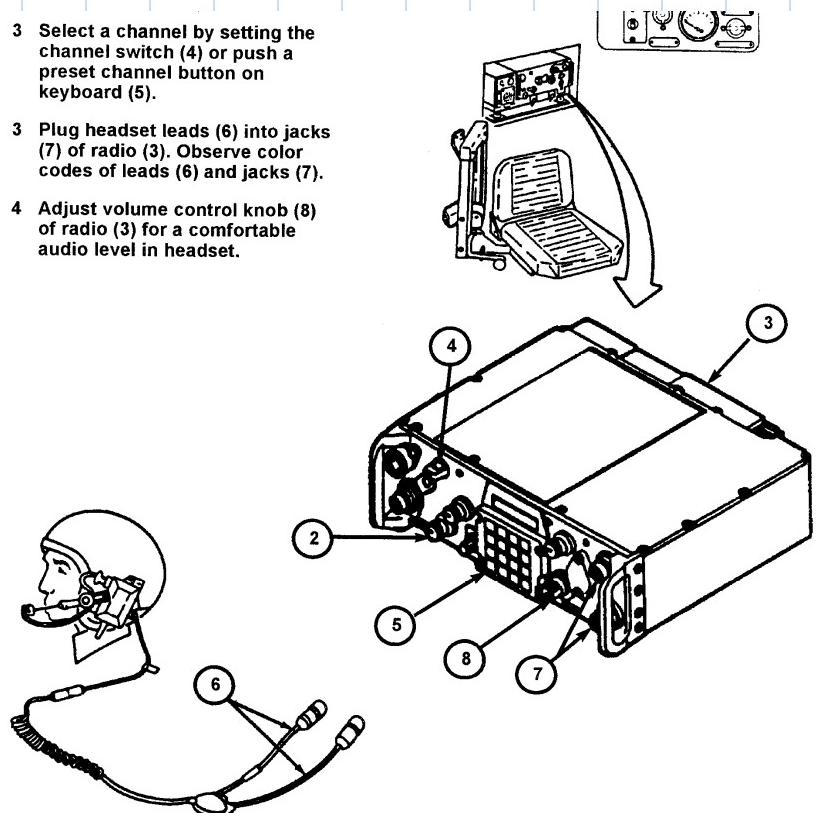
- ◆ Provides protection against biological or chemical attack.
- ◆ Gas-particulate filter unit protects from toxic gases.
- ◆ Air heater and purifier provides warm air to the operator.
- ◆ Chemical-biological mask M25A1.



# Communication System

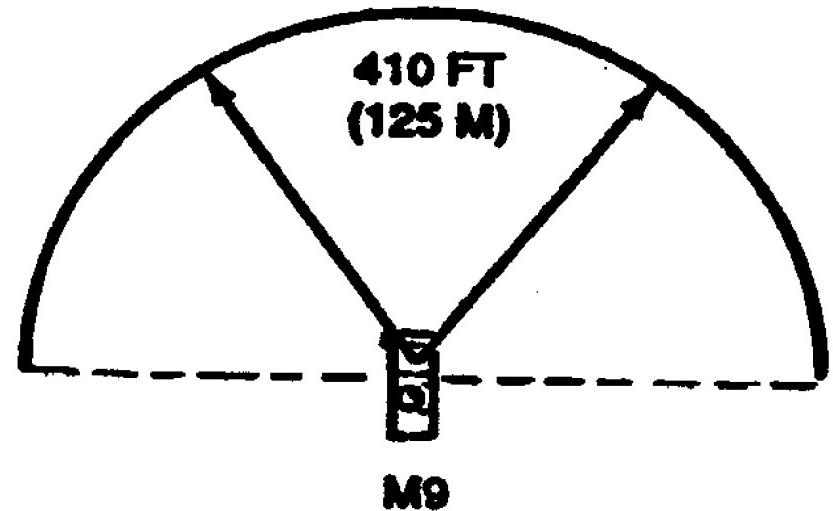
- ◆ Located behind the operator seat.
- ◆ AN/VRC-90
- ◆ Provides two way communication.
- ◆ Antenna adds extra 9.5 feet in height

- 3 Select a channel by setting the channel switch (4) or push a preset channel button on keyboard (5).
- 3 Plug headset leads (6) into jacks (7) of radio (3). Observe color codes of leads (6) and jacks (7).
- 4 Adjust volume control knob (8) of radio (3) for a comfortable audio level in headset.



# Grenade Launcher

- ◆ Holds 8 grenades
- ◆ Maximum travel distance of 410'.
- ◆ Uses an electrical firing pin.

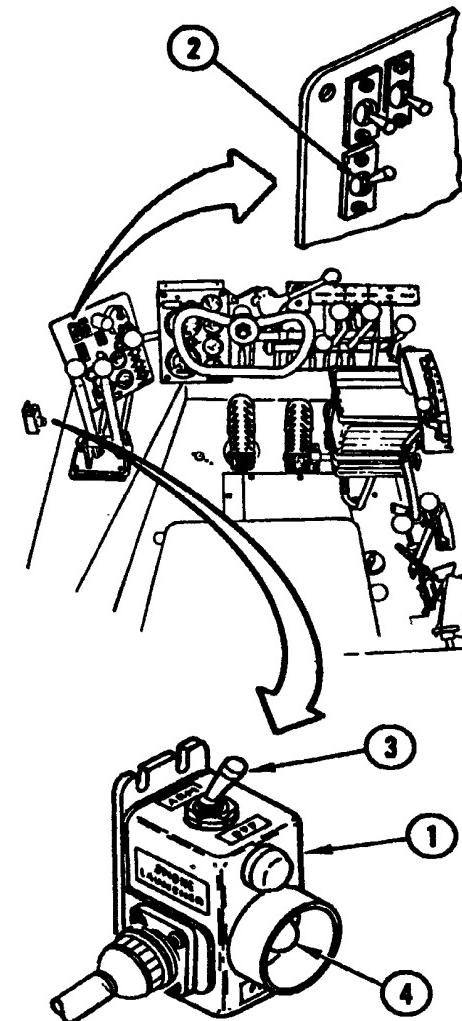


# Grenade Launcher



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- ◆ Switch located on left hand side of operators compartment.
- ◆ Grenades used to shield/screen in tactical situations.



# Grenade Launcher



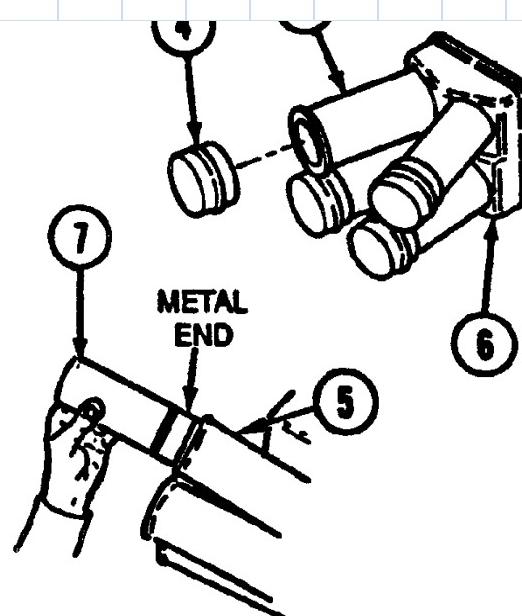
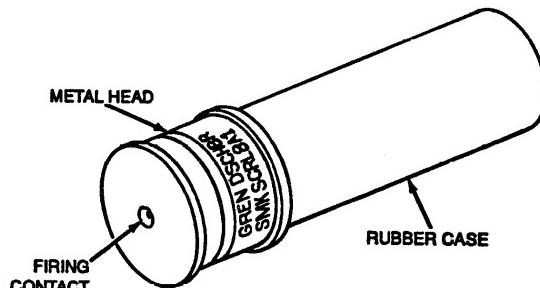
Firing pin switch

# Grenades

## L8A1

Loaded metal end  
first with a half  
turn to ensure  
good electrical  
contact.

| AUTHORIZED ROUND  | IDENTIFICATION        |
|---|-----------------------|
| Grenade, Explosive, Discharge, Smoke Screen, L8A1       | Refer to illustration |
| or<br>Grenade, Explosive, Discharge, Smoke Screen, L8A3 | Refer to illustration |



# Fuel tank



- ◆ Located behind operator
- ◆ 134 gallons

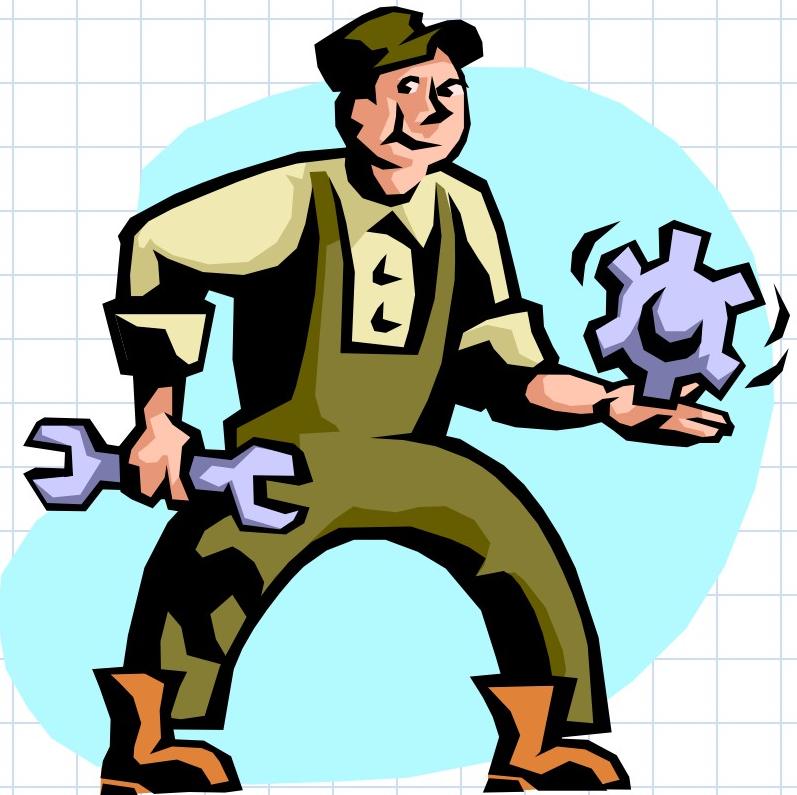
# Questions?

- ◆ Q) What are the 2 types of steering?
- ◆ A) Gear steer & clutch brake.
- ◆ Q) The M9 ACE has a top land speed of...
- ◆ A) 30 mph.



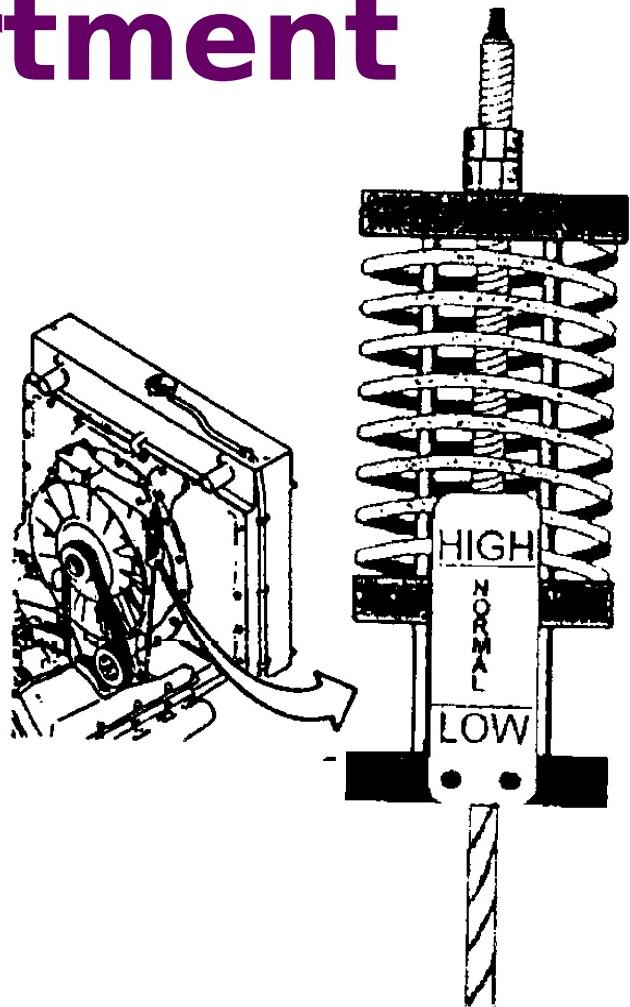
# PMCS

◆ Like with any other piece of gear inspect parts for serviceability and accountability.

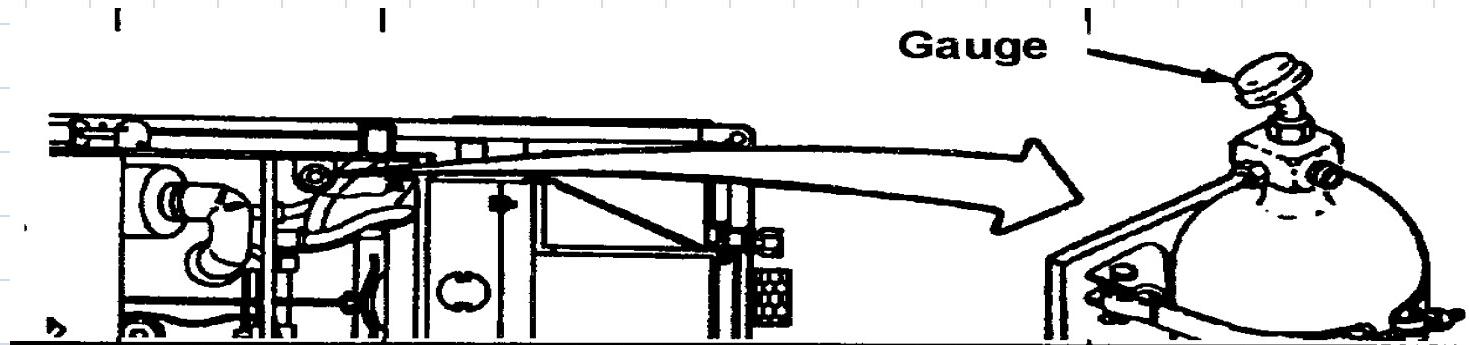


# Engine Compartment

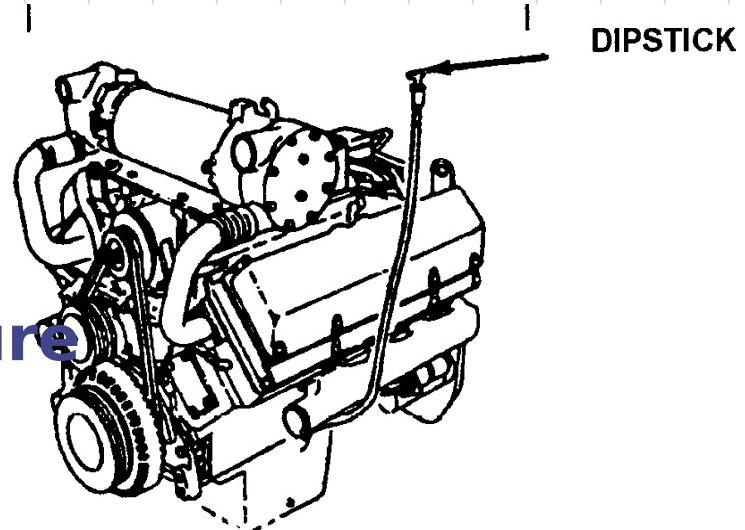
- ◆ Lift up intake grilles and check for any restricted air flow.
- ◆ Fan tensioner in normal range.
- ◆ Generator belt:
  - 1/2" to 5/8"
- ◆ Oil cooler for leaks
- ◆ Fan assembly for damage.



# Engine Compartment



- ◆ Radiator leaks and restrictions.
- ◆ Engine oil level
- ◆ Fire extinguisher pressure
- ◆ Two bottles

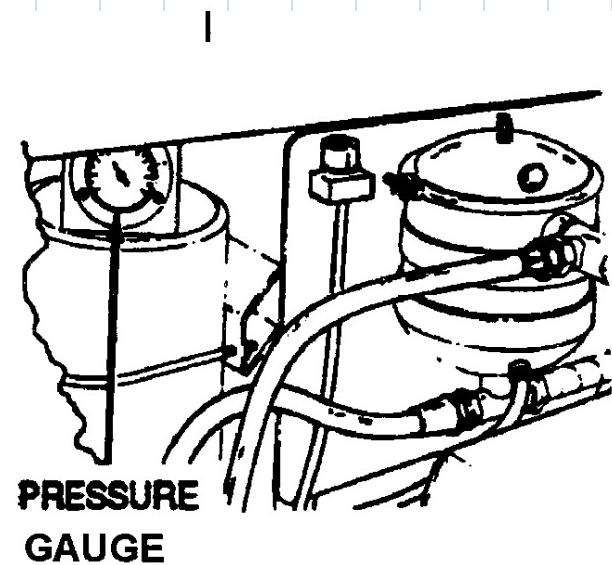
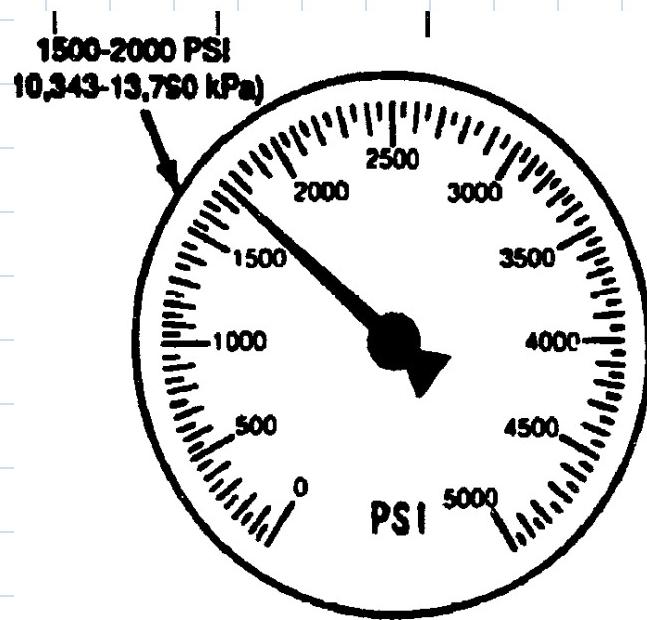


# Engine Compartment

- ◆ **Check lines and nozzles**
  - Cracks
  - Corrosion
- ◆ **Check handles for lead seals**
- ◆ **Check air cleaner indicator**
  - In red, replace element

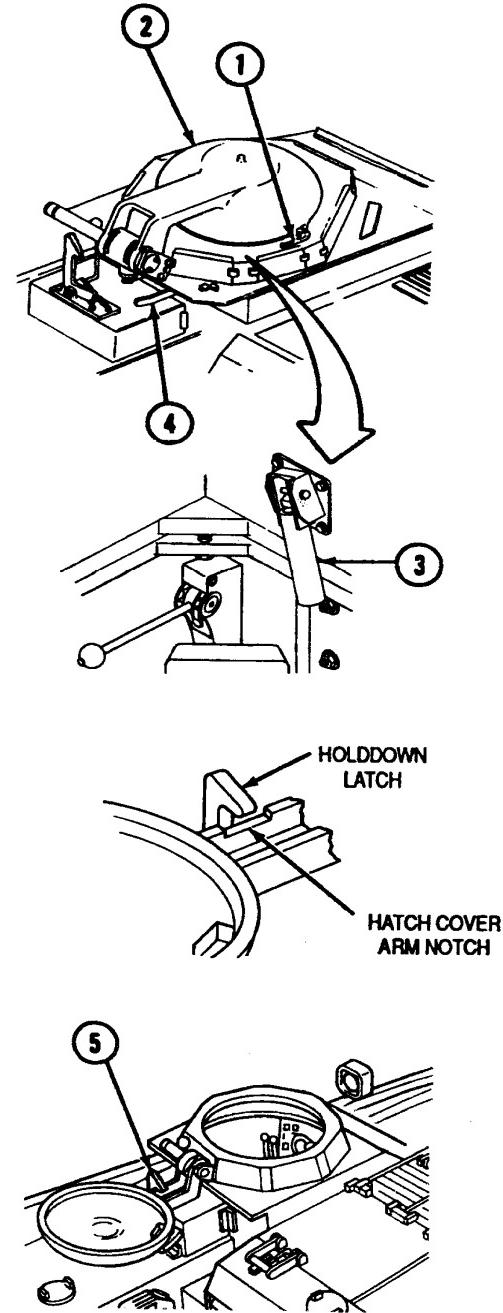
# Hydraulic Pressure Gage

- ◆ Gage should read between 1500 and 2000 psi. before starting.



# Hatch

- ◆ Operate hatch cover to check locks.
- ◆ Check vision blocks and seals.
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> detent (15 degrees)
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> detent full open
- ◆ Positive open/locked position



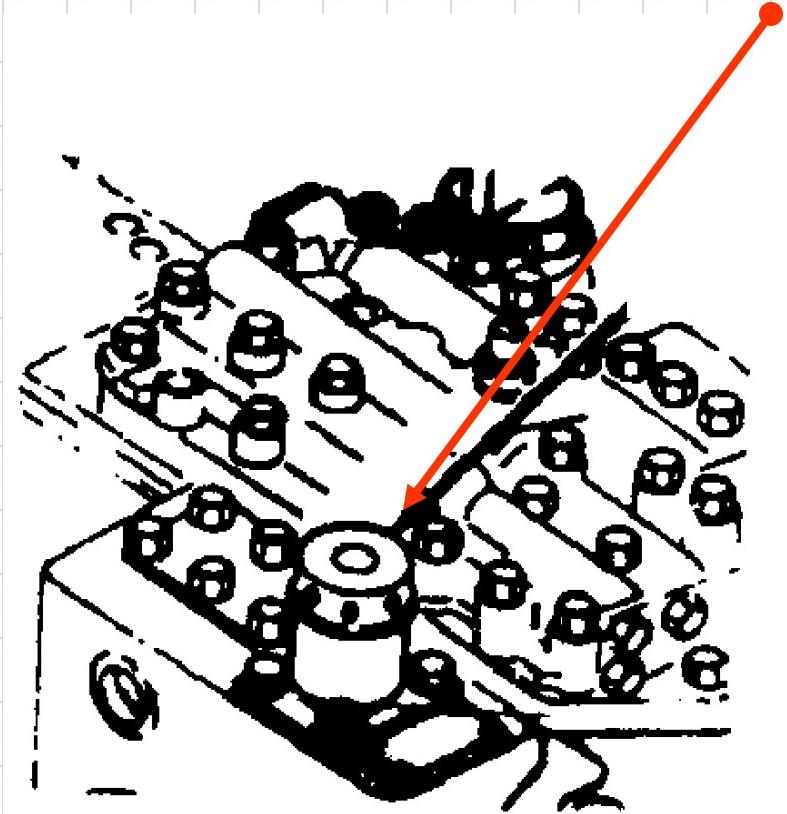
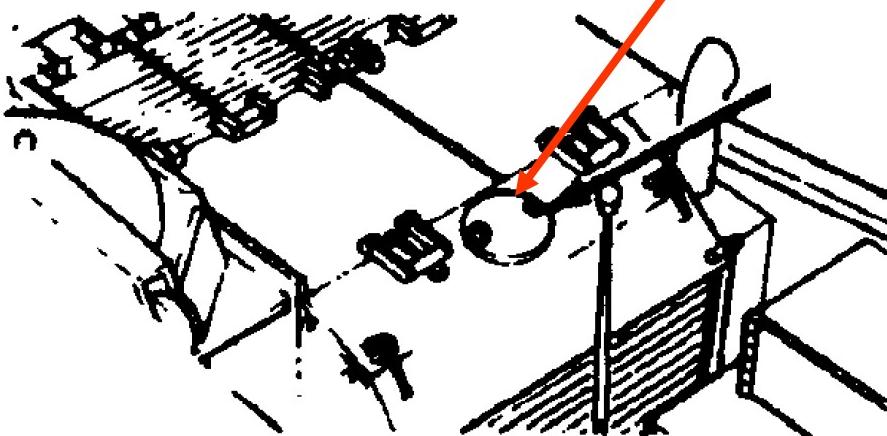
# Hatch

◆ Lube hatch fittings  
with Molybdenum  
Disulfide



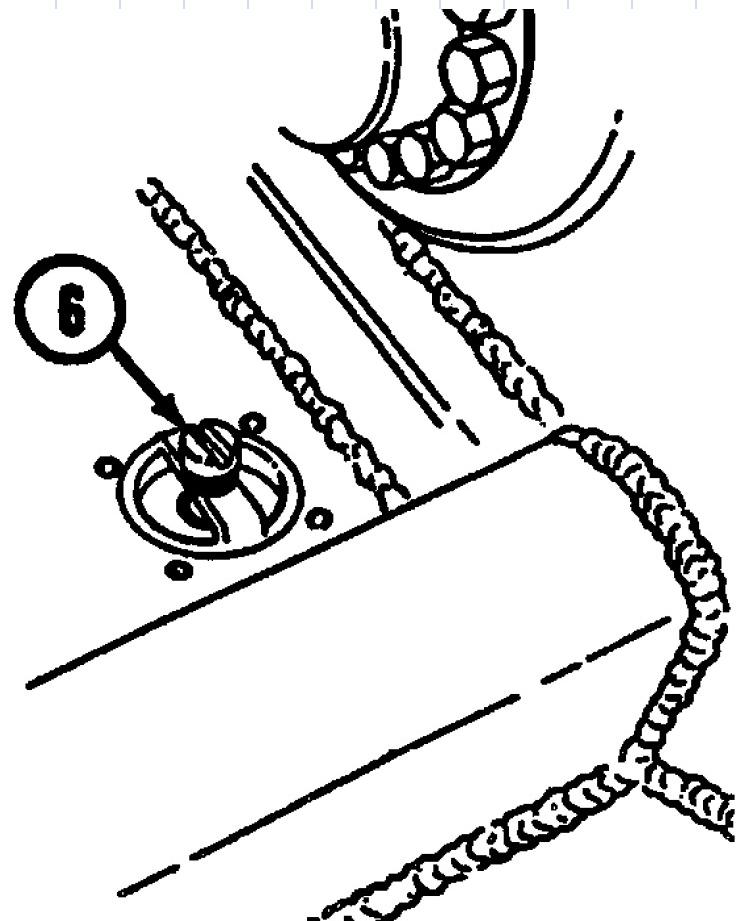
# Engine Compartment

- ◆ Air cleaner/indicator
- ◆ Exhaust system
- ◆ Radiator
- ◆ Steering unit



# Hull Drain Valve

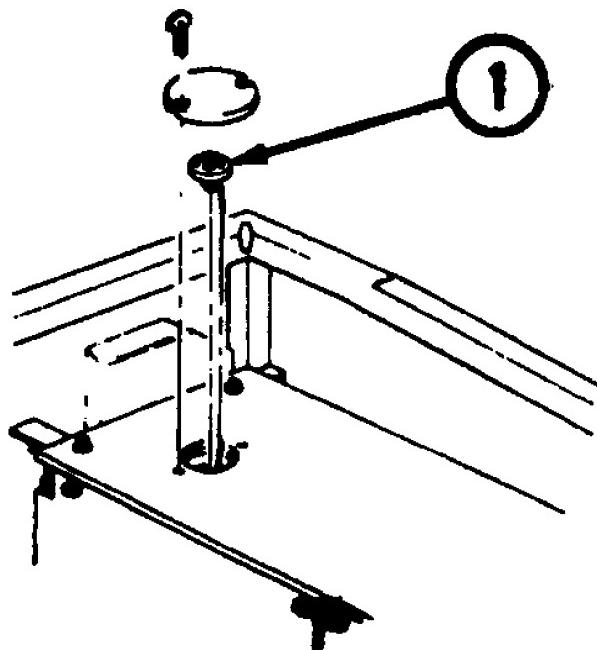
- ◆ Ensure drain valve is closed and securely seated against the hull.



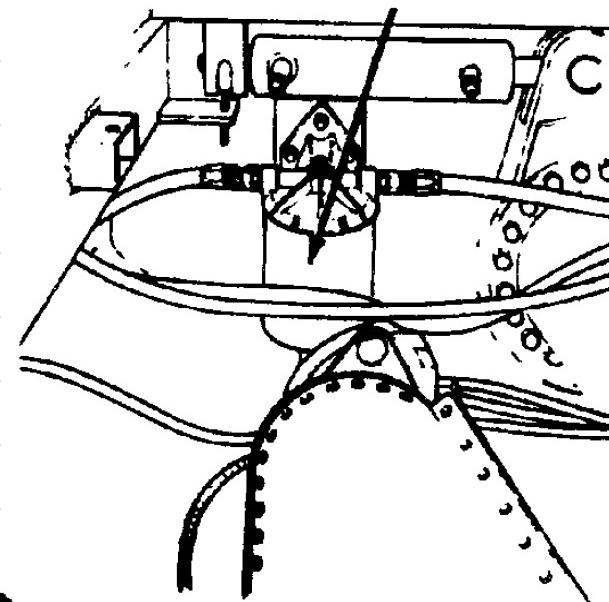
# Fuel System

- ◆ Inspect for loose, missing or broken hardware.

Fuel  
tank

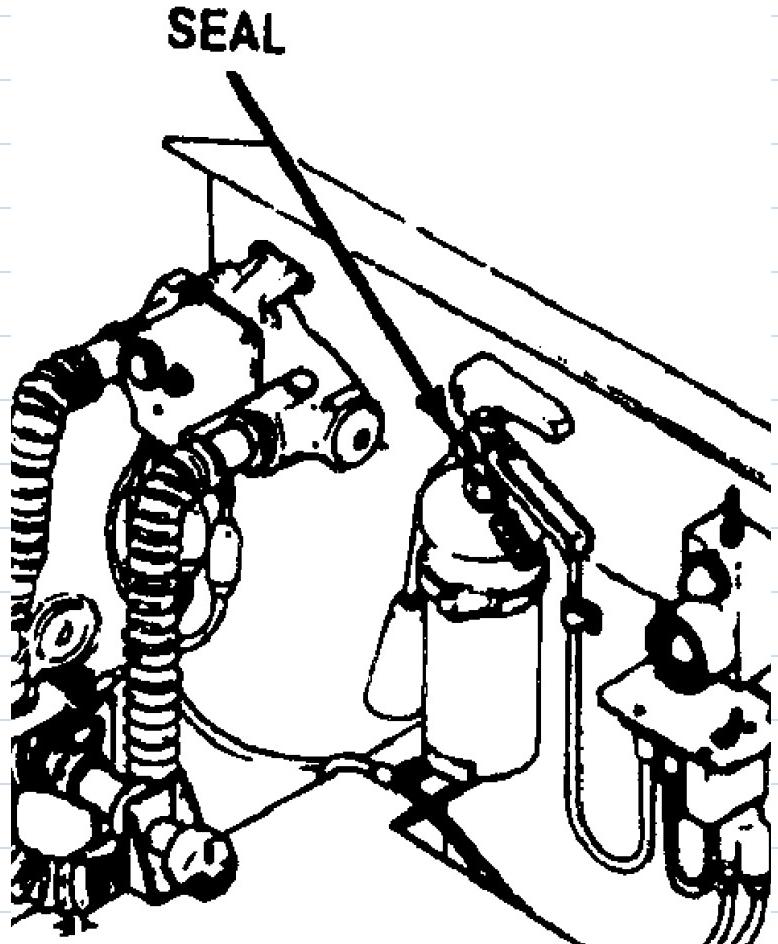


FUEL/WATER SEPARATOR



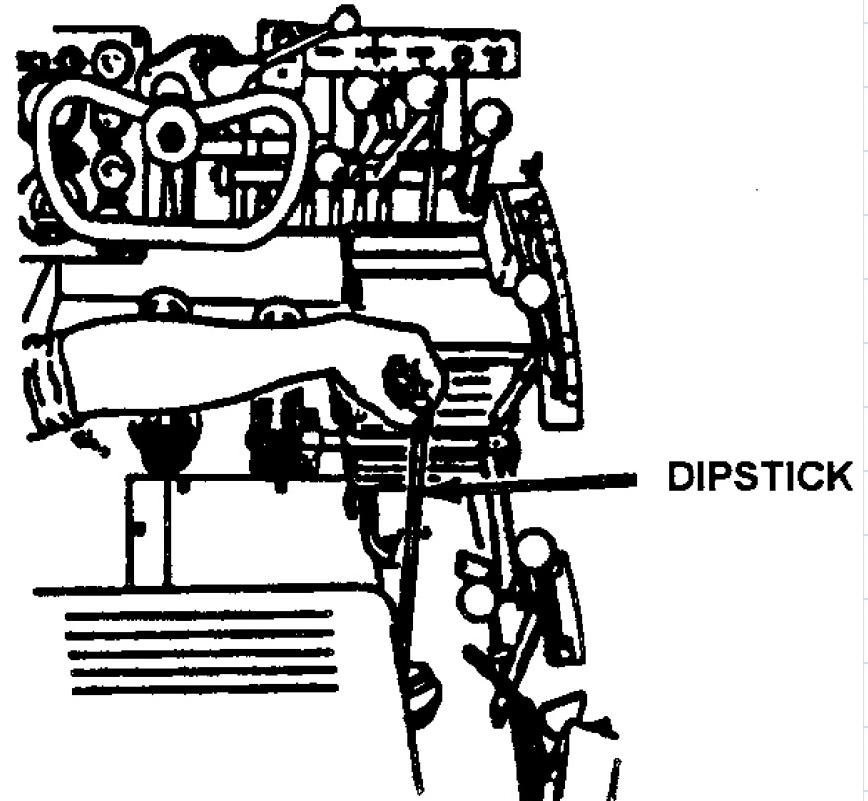
# Portable Fire Extinguisher

- ◆ Check pressure
- ◆ Lines and nozzles for cracks, corrosion, missing or damaged seal.



# Hydraulic Reservoir

- ◆ Check oil level with apron down and ejector fully retracted.
- ◆ Dipstick located in operators cab.



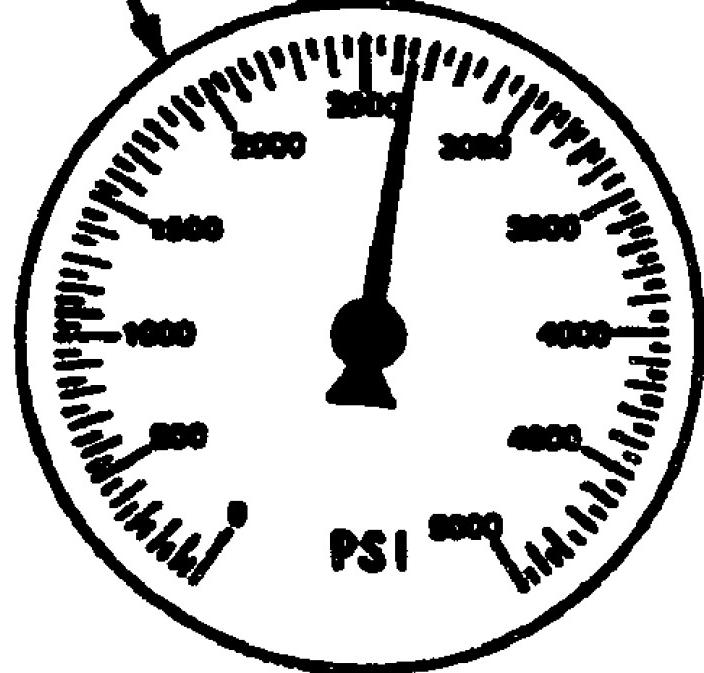
# Before Operation

- ◆ The following checks are performed with the engine running.

# Hydraulic Pressure Gage

- ◆ Engine speed 1500 rpm
- ◆ Should not read below 2800 psi

1500-2800 PSI  
(10,343-19,306 kPa)

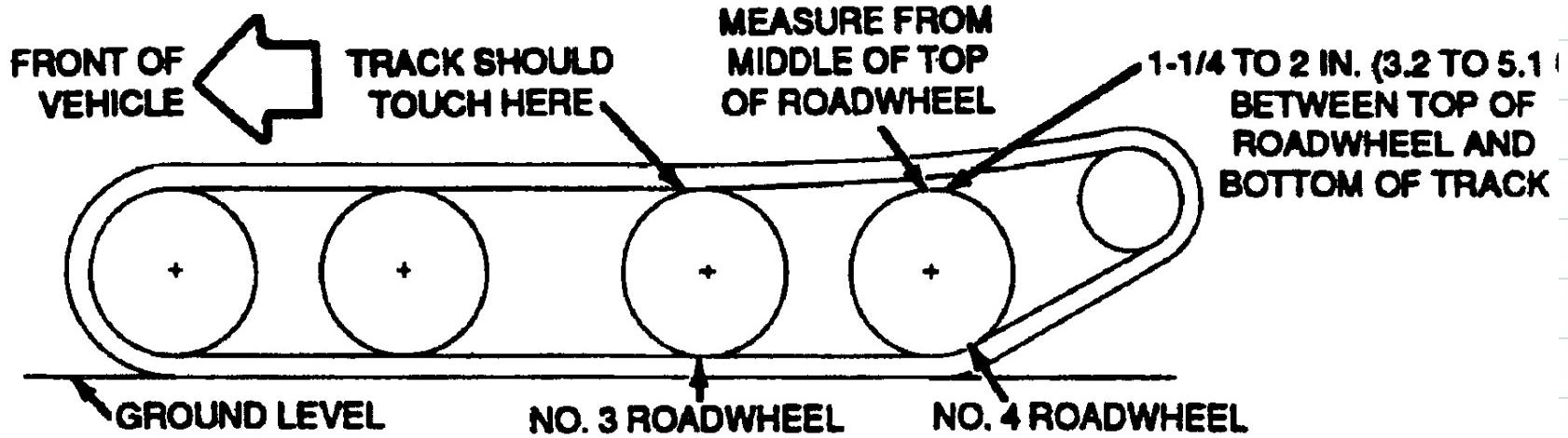


# Track Tension

- ◆ Check track tension

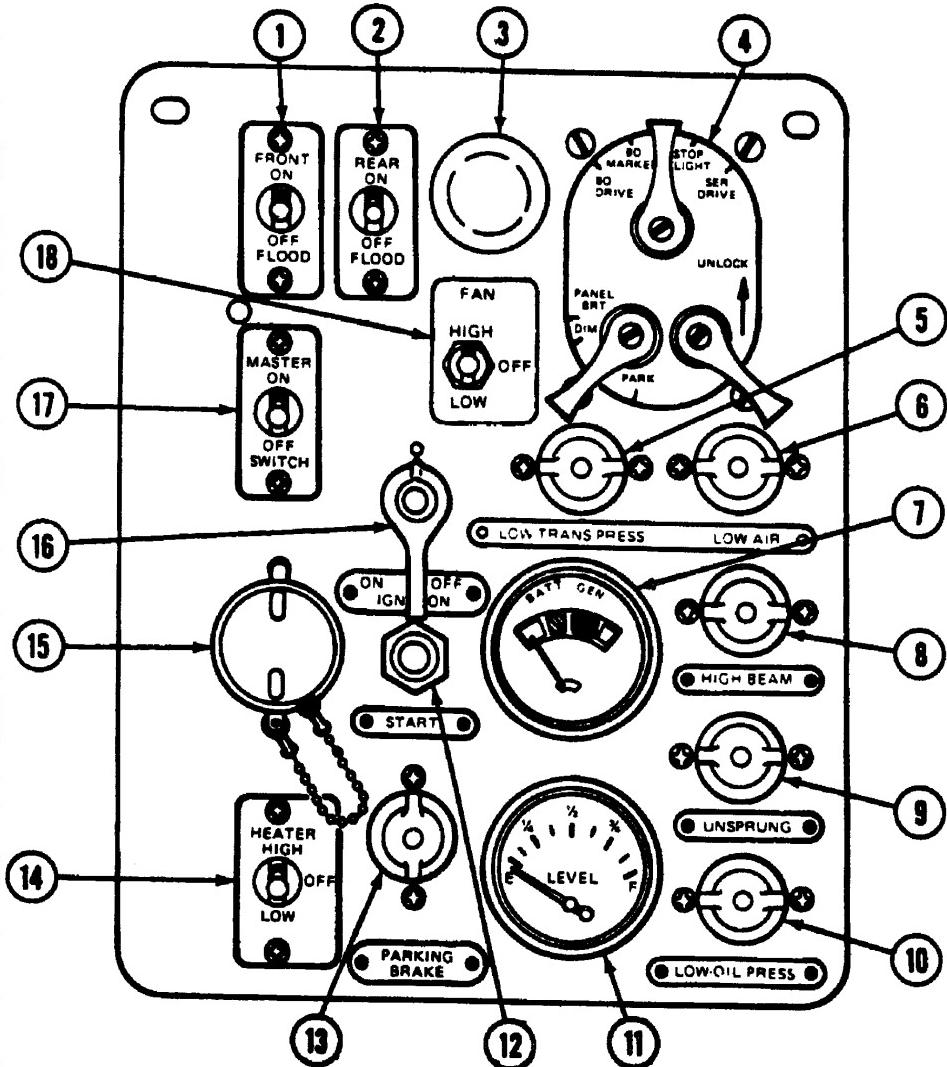
- ◆  $1\frac{1}{4}''$  -  $2''$

- ◆ M9 will not kneel,



# Switch Panel

1. Flood light switch(front)
2. Flood light switch(rear)
3. Panel light
4. Light switch assembly
5. Low trans pressure(light)
6. Low air indicator light
7. Batt. Gen. (indicator)
8. High beam indicator light
9. Unsprung indicator light
10. Low oil pressure indicator
11. Fuel level indicator

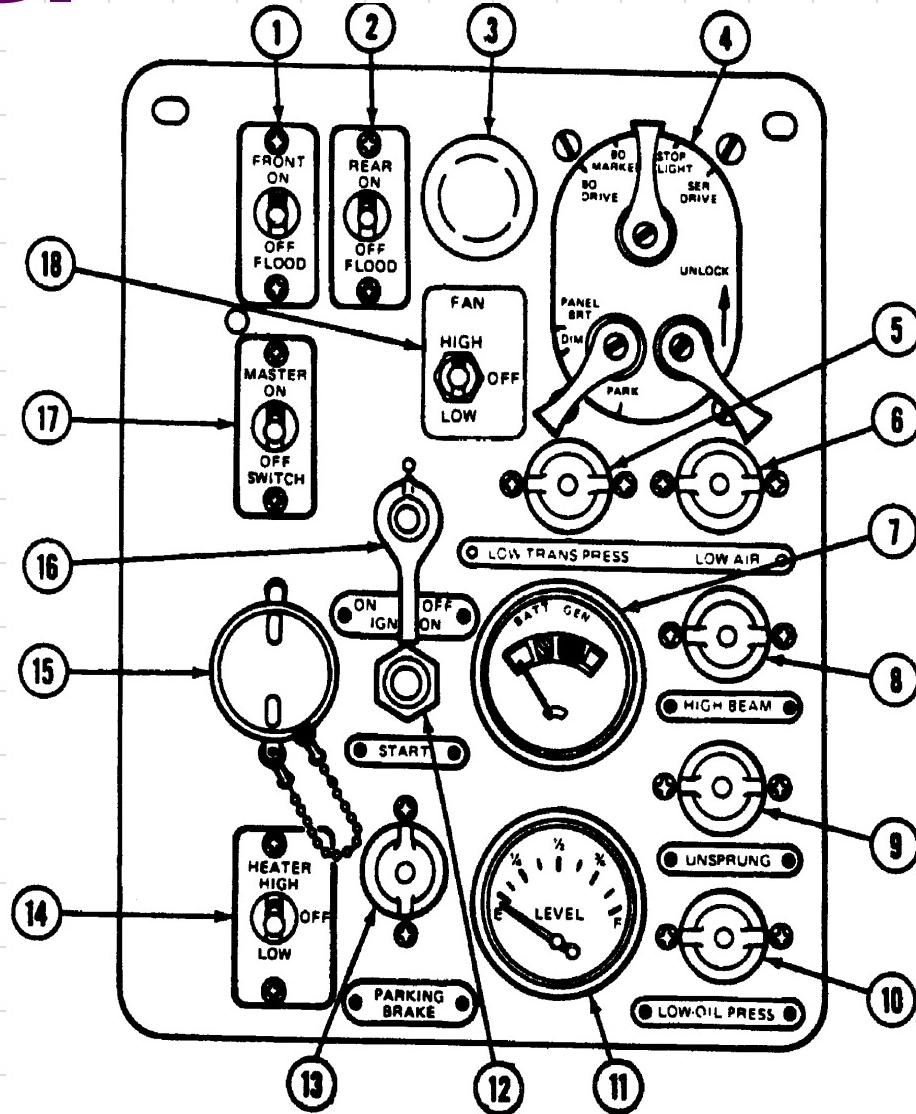


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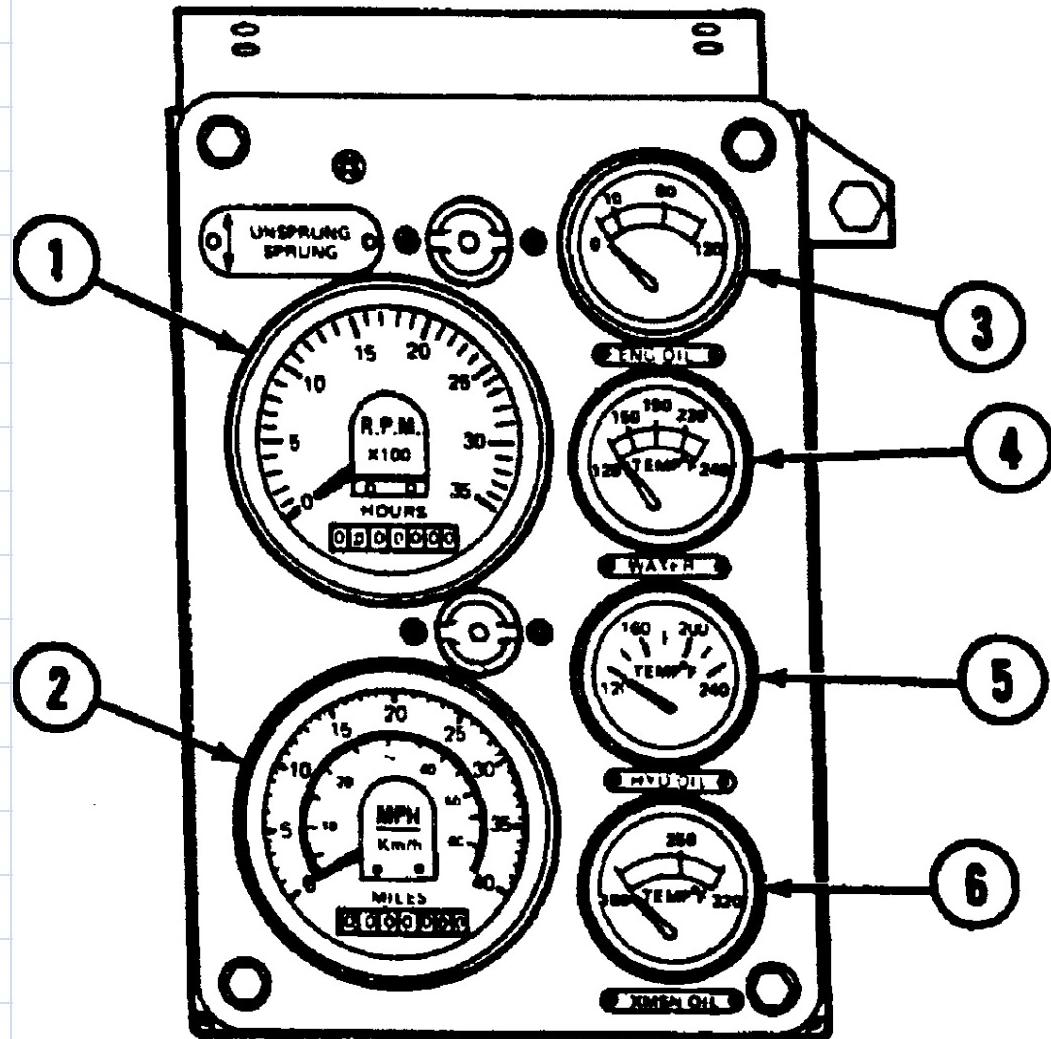
# Switch Panel

- 12. Start switch**
- 13. Parking brake indicator**
- 14. Heater switch**
- 15. Utility outlet**
- 16. Ignition on/off switch**
- 17. Master switch**
- 18. Fan switch**



# Gage Panel

1. Tachometer
2. Speedometer/odometer
3. Engine oil pressure
4. Water temperature
5. Hydraulic oil temperature
6. Transmission oil temperature



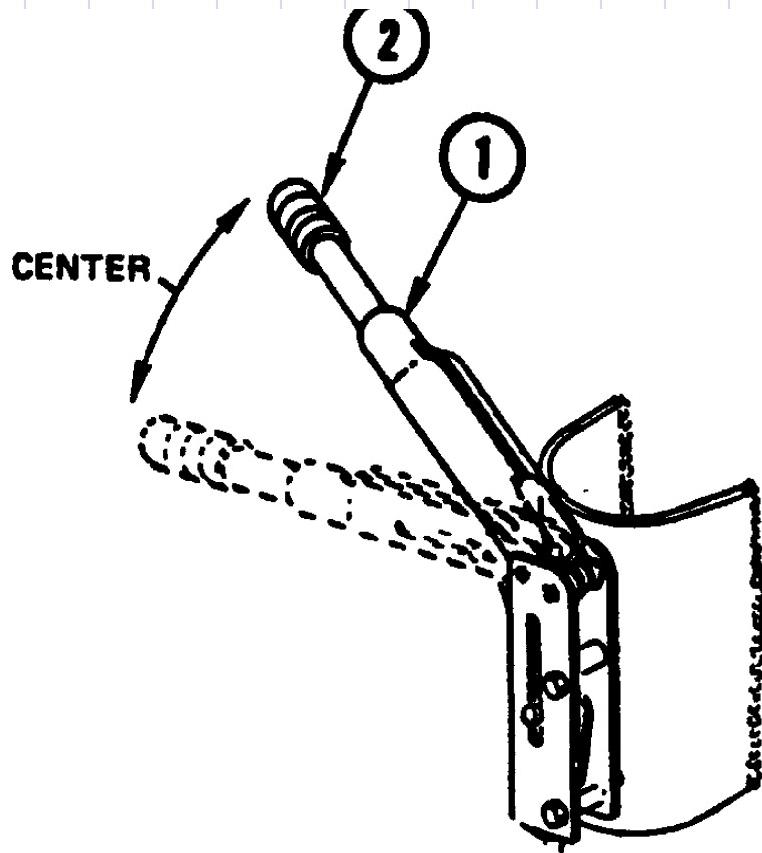
# Gauge Panel



# Gauges

- ◆ EO pressure - 10 to 80 psi
- ◆ Coolant - 150 to 190 degrees F
- ◆ Hydro oil temp - Not exceed 240 degrees F
- ◆ Trany oil temp - 160 to 250 degrees F
- ◆ Warning buzzer
  - Low EO pressure
  - Parking brake engaged/in gear
  - Unsprung/reverse

# Parking Brake

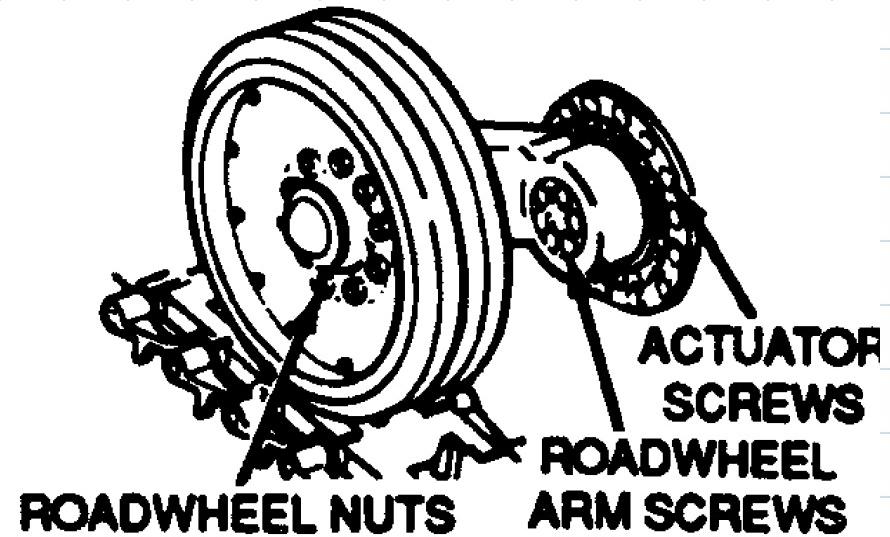


❖ Must be set with  
engine running  
and service brake  
applied

# Suspension

## ◆ During halts and after ops:

- Fell hub temperature
- Overheated hub indicates
  - Maladjustment
  - Inadequate lube
  - Bad bearing



# Winch



# Cutting edges

- ◆ Inspect cutting edges
- ◆ Replace when  $\frac{1}{4}$  " from mold board



# Road Wheels



- ◆ Inspect for chunking and other damage
- ◆ Replace if over  $\frac{1}{2}$  running surface chunked out
- ◆ Flat spot

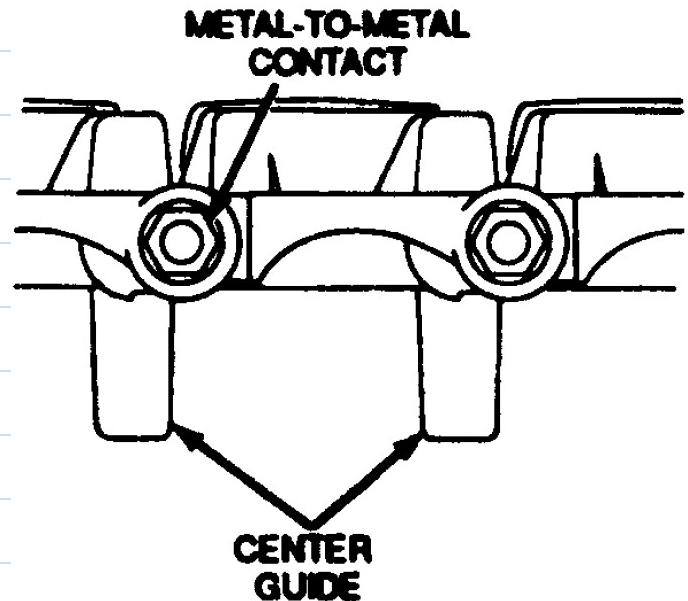
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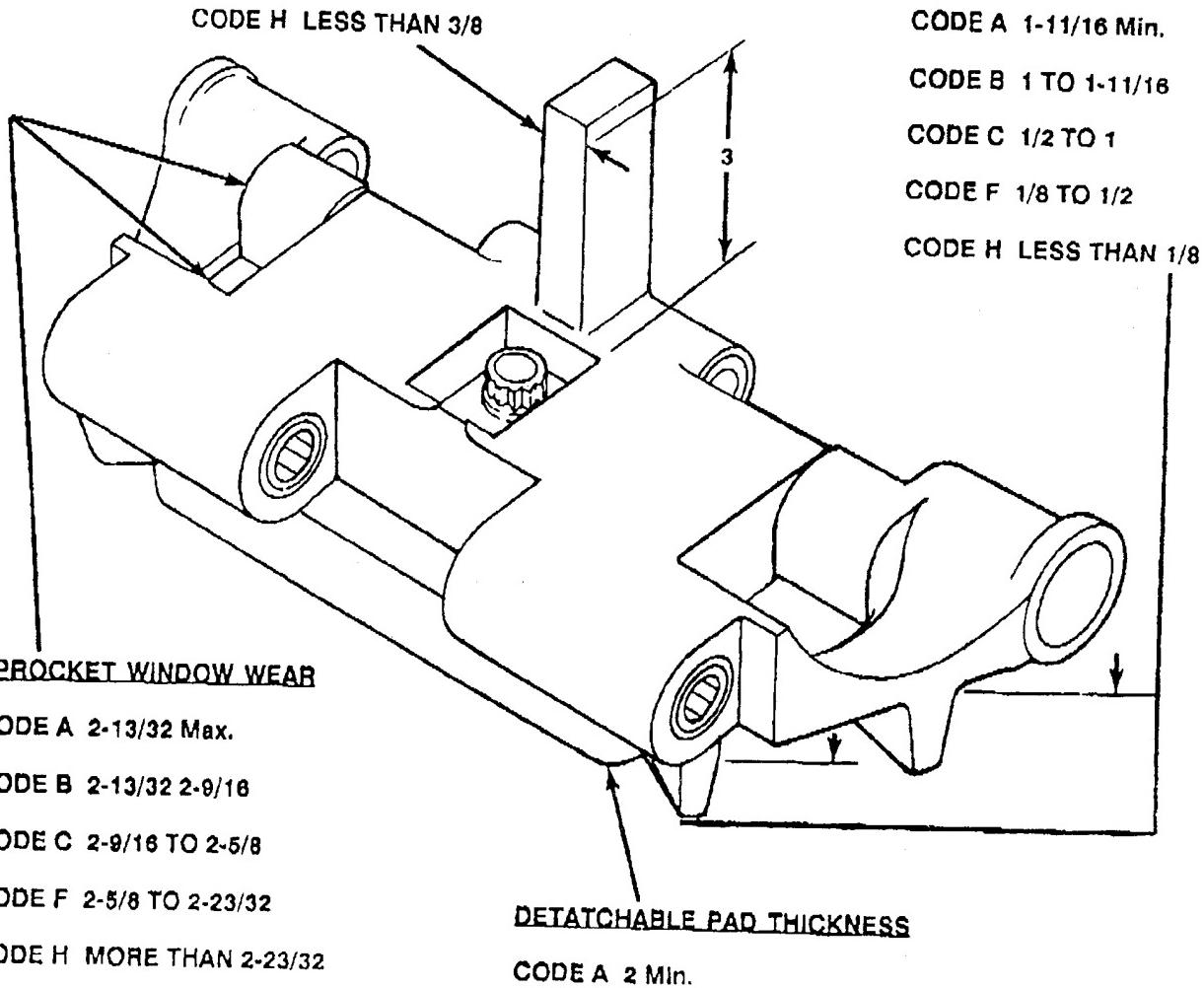
# Track

## ◆ Inspect/Replace track when:

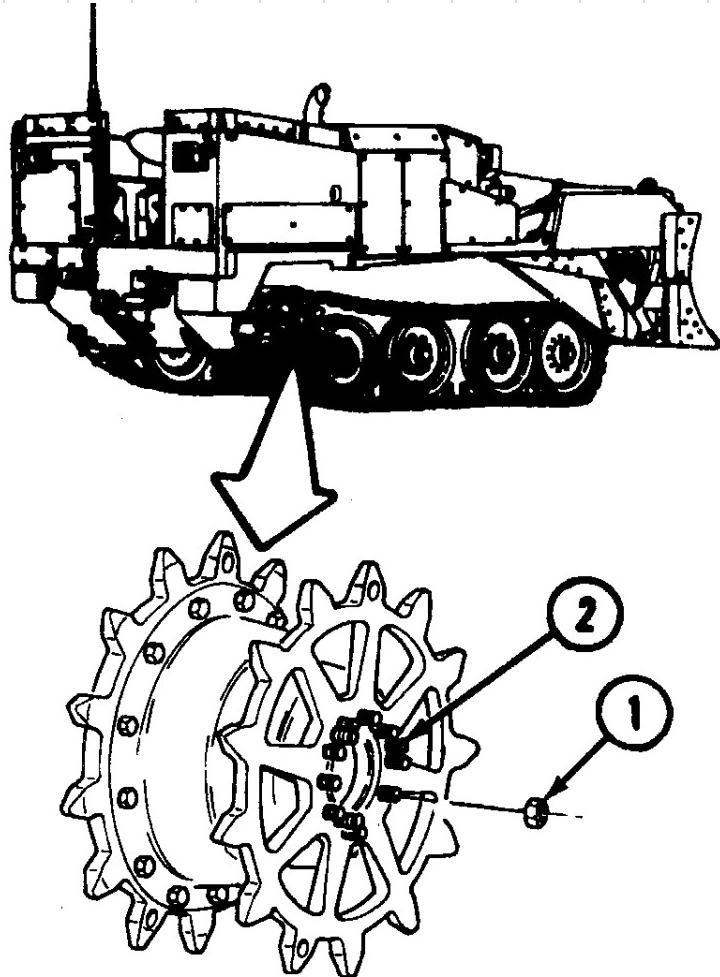
- **Centerguide is less than 3/8" thick/3" long**
- **Sprocket window more than 2-23/32"**
- **Grouser height less than 1/8"**



# Track



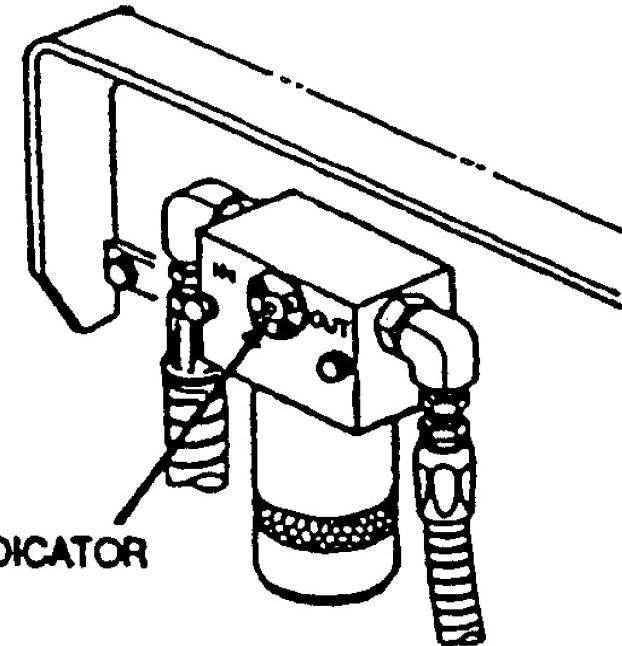
# Sprockets



- ◆ Reversible
- ◆ Wear indicators
- ◆ Reverse **BEFORE**  
wear shows in  
indicators

# High Pressure Filters

- ◆ Check before and during ops
- ◆ Indicators pop out reset and observe

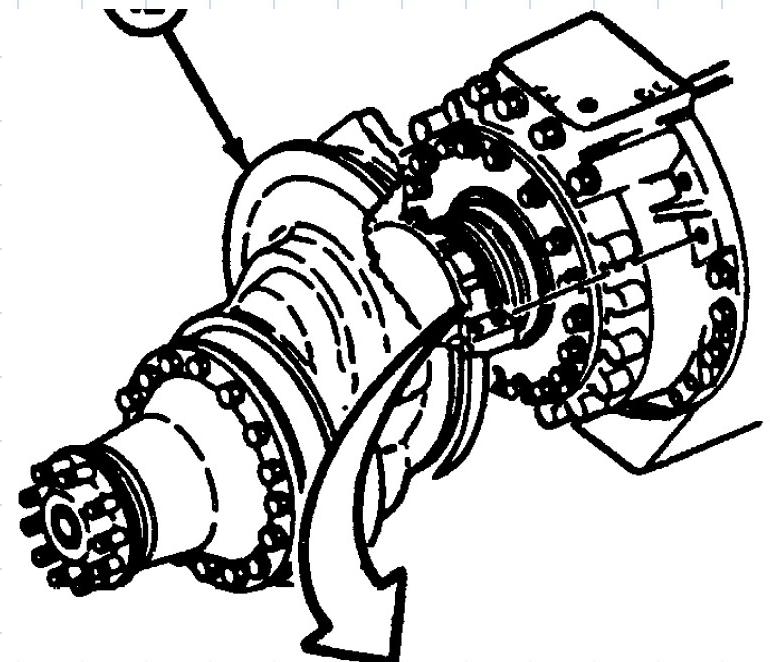


# High Pressure Filters



# Towing

- ◆ **MUST disconnect final drives before towing**
- ◆ **Damage steering unit**
- ◆ **Tow from rear only**



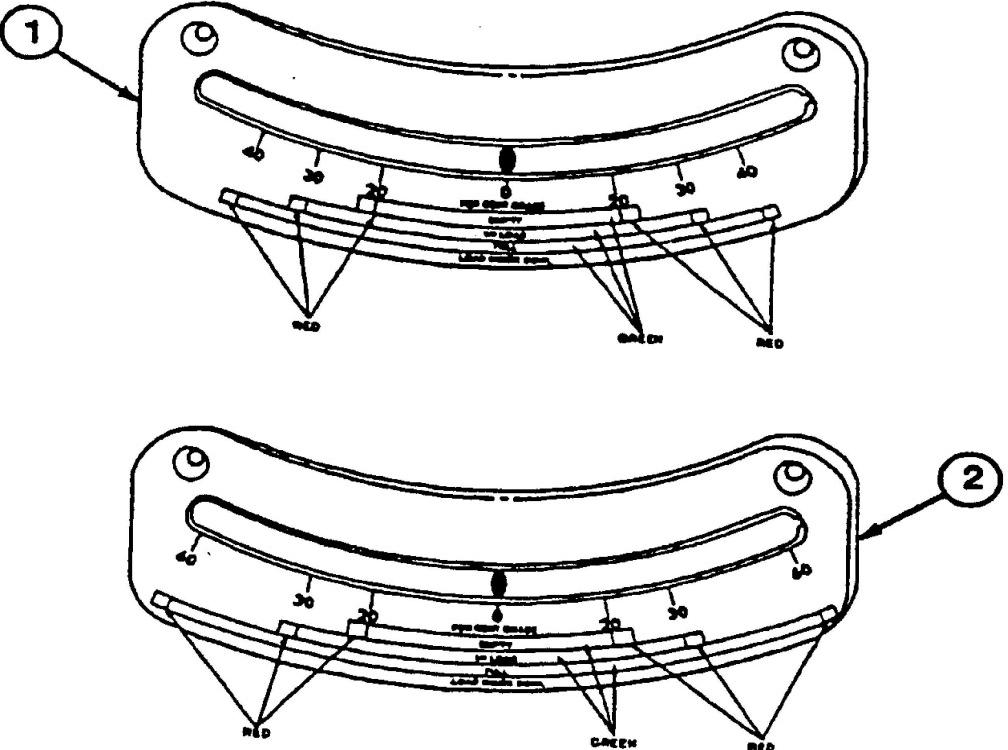
# Inclinometers

## ◆ Front inclinometer

- Measures side slope

## ◆ Side inclinometer

- Measures grade



# Inclinometers

## ◆ Front Inclinometer

- Bowl empty                    20%
- Bowl  $\frac{1}{4}$  full                30%
- Bowl full                    40%

## ◆ Side Inclinometer

- Bowl empty                    20%
- Bowl  $\frac{1}{4}$  full                30%
- Bowl full                    60%

# Straight Dozing

- ◆ Bowl full
- ◆ Un-sprung
- ◆ CB
- ◆ Utilize suspension control levers
- ◆ Using steering wheel will throw track

# Tilt Dozing

- ◆ Un-sprung
- ◆ GS
- ◆ Cut 1 to 2 inches deep
- ◆ 5 degrees left or right

# Questions

- ◆ Are there any questions at this time?
- ◆ We will now conduct a walk around with the M9 ACE.



# M9 ACE

